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My dear Mrs Chapman

I ought perhaps to have written you before despatching the articles, but some days I have been very busy and one or two days it slipped my mind so - I have not done my duty. Now with regard to the fair we did not wish to sell until the weather was quite warm. So that we could sell ice cream at the same time, we made something best you in this way and hope to this. Therefore I think if there is any place where the articles can be sent previous to coming here it would better be so - we probably cannot sell a great many, but we will do the best we can. Now if you think best to have them come I will order the Stageman to call and get them, but it may be better to wait now until after the meeting of the New England Convention which I mean to be good willing. I am sorry for one to have Mrs Child relinquish her Editorship of the Standard. I like such a paper as this among others of a different character. I suppose our Church is slowly gaining ground and will go on while there are a few willing to be the old Scull boats of which Mr Colver speaks. God grant us a few Scull boats yet a little longer, the number of such is I fear daily diminishing but I do trust there are some who will hold out to the end. I get almost discouraged sometimes in looking over the field but courage will conquer yet for all that.

Yours very truly,

Wm Brooks

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